

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A camera comprising:

an image data storing device that stores image data captured by an imaging device in a first storage medium;

an audio data obtaining device that obtains compressed audio data from one of the first storage medium and a second storage medium;~~and~~

an audio data storing device that records, in the first storage medium, the compressed audio data obtained by the audio data obtaining device when the image data storing device stores the image data in the first storage medium; and

first and second storage slots,

wherein both first and second storage slots are each capable of receiving the first storage medium,

wherein the audio data storing device is capable of directing audio data obtained by the audio data obtaining device to the first or the second storage slots, whichever has the first storage medium received, and

wherein the compressed audio data is directly transferred to the first storage medium without being decompressed prior to being transferred.

2. (ORIGINAL) The camera as defined in claim 1, wherein the image data captured by the imaging device is moving image data.

3. (ORIGINAL) The camera as defined in claim 1, further comprising two mounting parts to which the first storage medium and the second storage medium are attached.

4. (ORIGINAL) The camera as defined in claim 1, wherein the second storage medium is built in the camera.

5. (ORIGINAL) The camera as defined in claim 4, wherein the second storage medium is a rewritable storage medium.

6. (ORIGINAL) The camera as defined in claim 1, further comprising an audio reproducing device that reproduces audio recorded in one of the first storage medium and the second storage medium.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A camera comprising:
an image data storing device that stores image data captured by an imaging device in a first storage medium;

an audio data obtaining device that obtains compressed audio data from one of the first storage medium and a second storage medium; and

an audio data storing device that selectively records in the first storage medium one of the compressed audio data obtained by the audio data obtaining device and audio data captured by a microphone when the image data storing device stores the image data in the first storage medium; and

first and second storage slots,

wherein both first and second storage slots are each capable of receiving the first storage medium,

wherein the audio data storing device is capable of directing audio data obtained by the audio data obtaining device to the first or the second storage slots, whichever has the first storage medium received, and

wherein when the audio data obtained by the audio data obtaining device is selected, the audio data from the first or the second storage medium is directly transferred to the first storage medium without being decompressed prior to being transferred.

8. (ORIGINAL) The camera as defined in claim 7, wherein the image data captured by the imaging device is moving image data.

9. (ORIGINAL) The camera as defined in claim 7, further comprising two mounting parts to which the first storage medium and the second storage medium are attached.

10. (ORIGINAL) The camera as defined in claim 7, wherein the second storage medium is built in the camera.

11. (ORIGINAL) The camera as defined in claim 10, wherein the second storage medium is a rewritable storage medium.

12. (ORIGINAL) The camera as defined in claim 7, further comprising an audio reproducing device that reproduces audio recorded in one of the first storage medium and the second storage medium.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A camera comprising:
an image data storing device that stores image data captured by an imaging device in a first storage medium;
an audio data obtaining device that obtains audio data from one of the first storage medium and a second storage medium, wherein the audio data obtaining device is capable of obtaining audio data from both the first and second storage mediums;~~and~~

an audio data storing device that mixes the audio data obtained by the audio data obtaining device and audio data captured by a microphone when the image data storing device stores the image data in the first storage medium, and records the mixed audio data in the first storage medium; and

first and second storage slots,

wherein both first and second storage slots are each capable of receiving the first storage medium,

wherein the audio data storing device is capable of directing audio data obtained by the audio data obtaining device to the first or the second storage slots, whichever has the first storage medium received.

14. (ORIGINAL) The camera as defined in claim 13, wherein the image data captured by the imaging device is moving image data.

15. (ORIGINAL) The camera as defined in claim 13, further comprising two mounting parts to which the first storage medium and the second storage medium are attached.

16. (ORIGINAL) The camera as defined in claim 13, wherein the second storage medium is built in the camera.

17. (ORIGINAL) The camera as defined in claim 16, wherein the second storage medium is a rewritable storage medium.

18. (ORIGINAL) The camera as defined in claim 13, further comprising an audio reproducing device that reproduces audio recorded in one of the first storage medium and the second storage medium.

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The camera of claim 1, wherein the audio data obtaining device is capable of obtaining audio data from both the first and second storage mediums.

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The camera of claim 7, wherein the audio data obtaining device is capable of obtaining audio data from both the first and second storage mediums.

21-23. (CANCELED)

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The camera of claim 5, further including a storage slot, wherein the audio data for the second storage medium is provided by reading an external music storage medium loaded in the storage slot.

26. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The camera of claim 11, further including a storage slot, wherein the audio data for the second storage medium is provided by reading an external music storage medium loaded in the storage slot.

27. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The camera of claim 17, further including a storage slot, wherein the audio data for the second storage medium is provided by reading an external music storage medium loaded in the storage slot.

28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for mixing pre-recorded audio data with a captured image in a camera, wherein the camera has a single memory slot, the method comprising:

reading the pre-recorded audio data from a first memory card inserted into the single memory slot;

storing the pre-recorded audio data into an internal memory of the camera;

waiting until an second memory card is inserted into the single memory slot;

storing an image captured by the camera into the second memory card via the single memory slot; and

transferring the pre-recorded audio data from the internal memory of the camera to the second memory card via the single memory slot.

29. (NEW) The method of claim 28, wherein the internal memory of the camera is non-volatile.

30. (NEW) The method of claim 28, further comprising:
capturing audio data via a microphone of the camera; and
transferring the captured audio data to the second memory card via the single memory slot.

31. (NEW) The method of claim 28, further comprising:
capturing audio data via a microphone of the camera; and
mixing the captured audio data with the pre-recorded audio data from the internal memory; and
transferring the mixed audio data to the second memory card via the single memory slot.

32. (NEW) The method of claim 31, wherein the step of mixing the captured audio data and the pre-recorded audio data comprises:

determining a mixing ratio of the captured audio data and the pre-recorded audio data; and

mixing the captured data and the pre-recorded audio data based on the mixing ratio.

33. (NEW) The method of claim 32, wherein the step of determining the mixing ratio comprises:

prompting a user for a desired mixing ratio and receiving feedback from the user; or

setting the mixing ratio from a predetermined mixing ratio.